

Grenfell Support News

Voting process proposals for Memorial Commission

Throughout February, the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) will be seeking views from members of the bereaved, survivors and the Lancaster West Estate on its proposals for voting for community representatives for the Memorial Commission.

The government recognises how important this will be to people and wants to make sure the process for setting up the Commission is inclusive and driven by members of the community. It's important that this is a transparent and fair process.

The Memorial Commission will be made up of 10 community representatives, including the bereaved, survivors

and residents of the Lancaster West Estate and it will develop a proposal for the long-term future use of the site, including the shape and size of a future memorial – which will be subject to the normal planning rules.

MHCLG will be consulting on its proposals until the end of February before voting begins at the beginning of March 2019. Please look out for letters and leaflets about the Memorial Commission over the coming weeks.

If you would like further information about the Memorial Commission please contact:

GTMCSecretariat@communities. gov.uk or on 0303 444 4381.

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New North Ken News to launch

Residents in North Kensington should be on the look-out for their copy of the new **North Ken News** at the end of this month.

The Council is launching the brand new publication in response to feedback from residents and will be delivering copies to households in North Kensington every month.

As part of the Stronger Communities conversations last year, we heard that residents want to receive more information about what was happening in the area.

We have been working with local community groups and organisations to hunt out the best content to keep you up to date with local people, places and activities.

This means that next week will be the last edition of Grenfell Support News. However, you'll still be able to access all back copies of the newsletter on the RBKC website at **www.rbkc.gov.uk**.

We will be working with the bereaved and survivors to develop a dedicated newsletter for them to ensure they continue to receive all the information they need.

We will not be updating the Grenfell Support website after the end of February. All the relevant content will be moved across to a dedicated Grenfell recovery section on the Council's website. You will also notice a few changes to our social media feeds, but we will continue to update you about any Grenfell-related news on these feeds.



We will provide you with links to the new Grenfell recovery section on the Council's website next week. Grenfell Support News 15 February 2019

Activities programme at The Curve Community Centre

Monday 18 February

- 10.30am-1.30pm Shared Reading Group for adults and children.
 Contact Erin on 07483 972020 or erincarlstrom@thereader.org.uk to find out more. Open to all reading abilities (drop-in)
- 12 noon-4pm Music Café with Amos. Let your creative side out by joining a jamming session. Write some lyrics and show off your talent (drop-in).
- 1pm-3pm Drop-in pizza making with Parish. Open to all, parents and children welcome.
- 5pm-7pm Fairy cake decorating with Janet. Open to all, parents and children welcome.
- **6.30pm-7.30pm** Zumba with Paula for ages 18 plus (drop-in)

Crèche: 9.30am-12 noon and 12.30pm-3pm



Tuesday 19 February

 10am-12 noon – Mini tennis sessions for ages five to 10. Learn and practise new tennis skills with a professional coach. To sign up email phil.kemp@gll.org with your child's name, date of birth and parent's contact number.

- 12 noon-4pm Music Café with Amos. Let your creative side out by joining a jamming session. Write some lyrics and show off your talent (drop-in).
- 2.30pm-3.30pm Gardening workshop drop-in. Open to all, parents and children welcome.
- 4pm-5pm Shared Reading Group for adults and children. Contact Erin on 07483 972020 or erincarlstrom@ thereader.org.uk to find out more. Open to all reading abilities (drop-in)

Crèche: 9.30am-11.30am and 12.30pm-3pm

Wednesday 20 February

- 10am-12 noon Mini Tennis sessions for ages five to 10. Learn and practice new tennis skills with a professional coach. To sign up email phil.kemp@gll.org with your child's name, date of birth and your contact number.
- **12.30am–3.30pm** Drop-in arts and crafts with Janet. Come along and fuel your creativity. Open to all, parents and children welcome.
- 5pm-7pm Create natural beauty products. Drop-in open to all. Parents and children welcome.
- 6pm-7pm Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)
- 7pm-8pm Free Cuban salsa class for intermediates and advanced (drop-in)

Crèche: 10am-12.30pm and 1pm-5pm

Thursday 21 February

- 10am-12 noon Fun and energetic multi-sports with James and Amos. For ages six to 12 years (drop-in)
- 11.30am-2.30pm Drop-in tote bag designing with Janet. Come along and design your own fashion accessory. Open to all, parents and children welcome.
- 12.30pm-2.30pm Fun and energetic multi-sports with James and Amos. For ages six to 12 years (drop-in)
- 2.30pm-3.30pm Shared Reading Group for adults and children.
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Crèche: 10am-1.30pm and 2pm-3pm

Friday 22 February

- 10am-10.45am Women's only Zumba with Paula for ages 18 plus (drop-in)
- 11am-12 noon Zumbini, Zumba for children (drop-in)
- 12.30pm-2pm Fun and energetic multi-sports with James and Amos. For ages six to 12 years (drop-in)
- 12.30pm-2pm Fun and energetic multi-sports with James and Amos. For ages six to 12 plus (drop-in)
- 4pm-4.30pm Learn Taekwondo for beginners aged four to six (drop-in)
- 4.30pm-5.30pm Learn Taekwondo for beginners aged six to 12 (drop-in)
- 5.30pm-6.30pm Learn Taekwondo, intermediate ability aged six to 12 (drop-in)
- **6.30pm–8pm** Learn Taekwondo for teens and adults aged 13 plus (drop-in)

Crèche: 10am-12 noon and 12.30pm-5pm

Saturday 23 February

- 11am-12 noon Manhood Academy.
 A preparatory programme for boys of African Diasporan descent, shaping positive masculinity for ages eight to 12 years (drop-in)
- 2.30pm–3.30pm Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)
- 3.30pm-4.30pm Free Cuban salsa class for intermediates and advanced (drop-in)

Sunday 24 February

- 11am-12 noon Learn Taekwondo for beginners aged six to 12 (drop-in)
- 11am-3pm Turbo Tutors Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. Homework Club with a qualified tutor (drop-ln)



- 12 noon-1pm Learn Taekwondo, advanced level for ages six to 12 (drop-in)
- 1pm-2.30pm Learn Taekwondo for teens and adults aged 13 plus (drop-in)

To book a place in The Curve crèche, call **020 7221 9836** or email **thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk**

The Curve Community Centre, 10 Bard Road, London W10 6TP

Opening hours Monday to Friday: 10am to 8pm, Saturday to Sunday: 11am to 6pm. Some sessions need to be booked in advance by emailing **thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk**. For a full list of events visit **grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events**

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KAA recognised in Evening Standard awards

Kensington Aldridge Academy (KAA) has been acclaimed at the Evening Standard School Awards, winning the award for outstanding achievement in challenging circumstances.

The awards were set up to recognise London state schools that have either accomplished excellent exam results or that have achieved outstanding success against the odds.

Following this, on Wednesday 13
February HRH The
Prince of Wales visited
the school to celebrate
its achievements and
hear first-hand about
the experiences of staff
and pupils.

The Prince saw some of the lessons and watched a special performance from some of the school's most talented pupils.

The Council offers its congratulations to the school for this well-deserved award.



Support following Grenfell on Channel 4



On Monday evening, Channel 4's Dispatches will look at the London Fire Brigade's response to the Grenfell Tower tragedy. This programme will feature footage filmed on the night of the tragedy and may be distressing to those who live locally to the Tower. The Central and North West London NHS are on hand to provide support for anyone who feels distressed or upset by the programme or for any other reason.

Give the NHS Grenfell Outreach Team a call if you need to talk to someone on **020 8962 4393**. In an emergency, always call 999.

Learn how to cook healthy and delicious food

If you want to improve your diet and cook healthier, more nutritious meals, drop in to the free healthy eating class at **The Venture Centre**, **103a Wornington Road**, **W10 5YB** every Wednesday from **12.30pm** to **2pm**. You will receive advice on how to eat healthily on a modest budget and be able to share recipes with like-minded neighbours who are also looking to take control of their diet.

The sessions are offered from WAND UK and are open to all ages. Lunch is available in the centre for £1.50 per person. For more information, call **020 8960 3234**.



Take your job hunt to the next level

Find a job that works for you at the Hospitality Works 2019 Job Fair. Whether you're looking for flexible working hours, entry level or beyond, there's a variety of employers offering a range of positions.

The fair will take place on Wednesday 27
February from 12 noon to 3.30pm in The
Great Hall of Kensington and Chelsea
Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX.

Employers who will be there include hotels such as The Royal Lancaster, The Landmark and the Hyatt Group. There will also be companies from the food industry, including Wagamama, Zizzi and Whole Foods.

A job fair is the perfect way to maximise your chances of finding an employer that suits you, as well as showcasing yourself to a range of possible employers under one roof.

Register today on Eventbrite to secure your place **bit.ly/2SRIFy5**



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Support services on offer

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the Grenfell tragedy is asked to contact the Met Police on 020 8201 2426.

Important contacts

Grenfell Enquiries service

A one-stop shop for support, advice and guidance around Grenfell. For more information visit grenfellsupport.org.uk/grenfell-enquiries or call **020 7745 6414**.

Cruse Bereavement Care

Call the Freephone helpline on 0808 808 1677 or email **helpline@cruse.org.uk** The helpline is open Monday-Friday from 9.30am to 5pm. Extended hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings until 8pm.

Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries Call the Home Office advice line on **0300 303 2832**. The line is open 24 hours.

Air quality and smoke exposure

If you have concerns about any symptoms, see your GP and mention Grenfell. They will be able to direct you appropriately.

Housing support

If you have any questions about housing or want to find out who your housing officer is please call 0800 137 111 or 020 7361 3008.

Victim support

Call **0808 1689 111** for practical and emotional support, or visit victimsupport.org.uk The line is open 24 hours a day.

You can also get emotional and practical support at The Curve Community Centre. Call 020 7221 9836.

YoungMinds mental health support

Text Young Minds for free if you are a young person struggling with your mental health 85258.

The Grenfell Health & Wellbeing Service is a free and confidential NHS service for those affected by Grenfell. Self refer at: grenfellwellbeing.com

If you need urgent help, contact your GP or visit your local A&E. In an emergency, always call 999.

Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk rehousing progress update

These are the figures for 14 February 2019





202



temporary homes 16



serviced apartments

4



in hotels



Households staying with friends and family



permanent homes

Residents asked to redirect mail

Since the Grenfell tragedy, former residents of Grenfell Tower and Walk have had the option to have their mail redirected to The Curve. From Wednesday 27 February this service will no longer be available. Residents will need to set up a free mail redirect before this date. Letters and leaflets have been sent to residents with more information about this.

If an alternative redirect isn't set up, residents will need to collect their mail from the Unit 20-23, West London Delivery Office 7 Premier Park Road, NW10 7NZ

For more information, contact The Curve on **020 7221 9836** or email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk

Alternatively, call **01752 387055** to speak to a member of the Royal Mail team.

Free and confidential debt advice

The Kensington and Chelsea Citizens Advice Bureau provides free, confidential and impartial advice on debt matters to people who live, work, or study in Kensington & Chelsea. Visit their website for more information and to find your nearest location: kensingtonandchelseacab.org.uk



Upcoming meetings - Residents welcome to attend.

Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday 20 February, 6.30pm Kensington Town Hall

Full Council

Wednesday 6 March, 5.30pm Kensington Town Hall

Overnight emotional support

The NHS Outreach Team is providing a targeted clinical service for those who feel that they require overnight support; this includes a dedicated phone-based mental health service throughout the night, with home visits for those who require it.

If you need to talk, anyone can call the night service on 020 8962 4393, between 10pm and 7am seven days a week.